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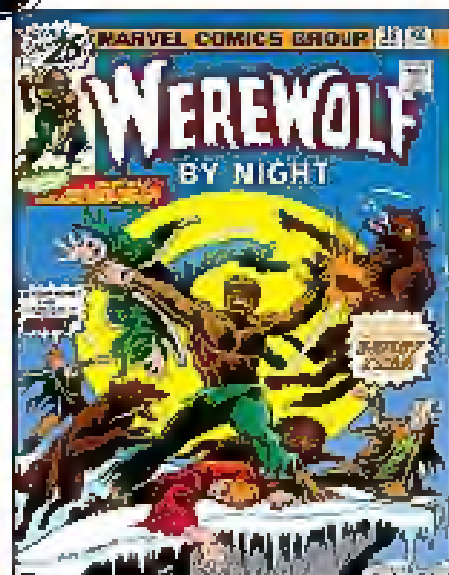
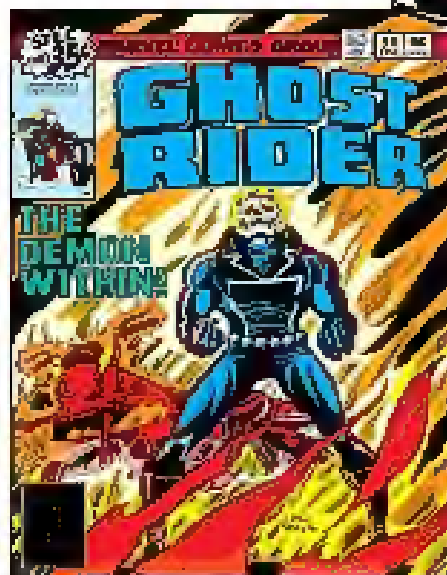
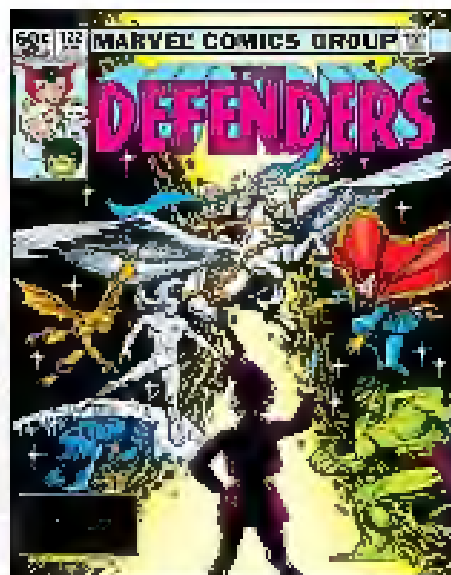
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# DON PERLIN

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Marvel pauses to remember longtime penciler, inker and former managing art director Don Perlin, who co-created Moon Knight and was a mainstay on series such as *Defenders*, *Ghost Rider* and *Werewolf by Night*. Born Aug. 27, 1929, in New York City, Perlin studied under Burne Hogarth and attended the Cartoonists and Illustrators School. He began professional work in the late 1940s and would work with Will Eisner on *The Spirit* comics before being drafted in 1952. Perlin wouldn't come back to comics full-time until the 1970s, when Marvel Editor in Chief Roy Thomas recruited him to draw *Werewolf by Night*. In that series, he co-created the vigilante hero Moon Knight with writer Doug Moench. He also co-created Tigra with Tony Isabella and was the longest-running penciler on the *Defenders* series. In the 1980s, he became Marvel's managing art director, working under John Romita Sr. and, among other things, helping oversee the up-and-coming artists in the Romita's Raiders program. He moved on in the 1990s to Acclaim and Valiant comics, where he co-created some of their most important characters. Perlin was well-liked in the comics field and respected for decades of great work. Our hearts go out to his family and all those who knew and loved him.



Welcome to **STRANGE ACADEMY**, where the best and brightest young sorcerers are trained by the greatest magic users in the realm!

Vampires have taken over the Earth, and the students of Strange Academy are dead set on stopping their reign of terror. In their efforts to help, they were led to Madripoor to locate the dark magical tome known as the **DARKHOLD**. When they arrived, they found that the book had been transformed into a young boy. The Darkhold revealed his intentions to use the **MONTESI FORMULA**, an ancient spell that would wipe out every last vampire on Earth—including Strange Academy newcomer **PIA**. Unwilling to let that happen, the students went to stop him but were interrupted by the former guardian of the Darkhold and Strange Academy teacher, **AGATHA HARKNESS**. Harkness wanted to take control of Darkhold, but he fled, kidnapping Pia as well. With no leads on where to look for them, the students accepted the help of their least likely ally **DOCTOR DOOM**!

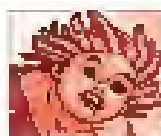
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## Academy

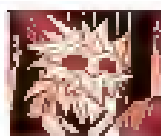
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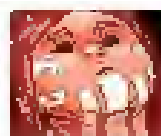
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Tobi



Gus



German



Zoe



Pia

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**MADRIPOOR.**

MAYBE I MADE A MISTAKE IN ATTACKING THE DARKHOLD BRAT SO QUICKLY...

OW! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

WELL, SINCE YOU'RE SO CONVINCED YOU VAMPIRES SHOULD LIVE, PIA...

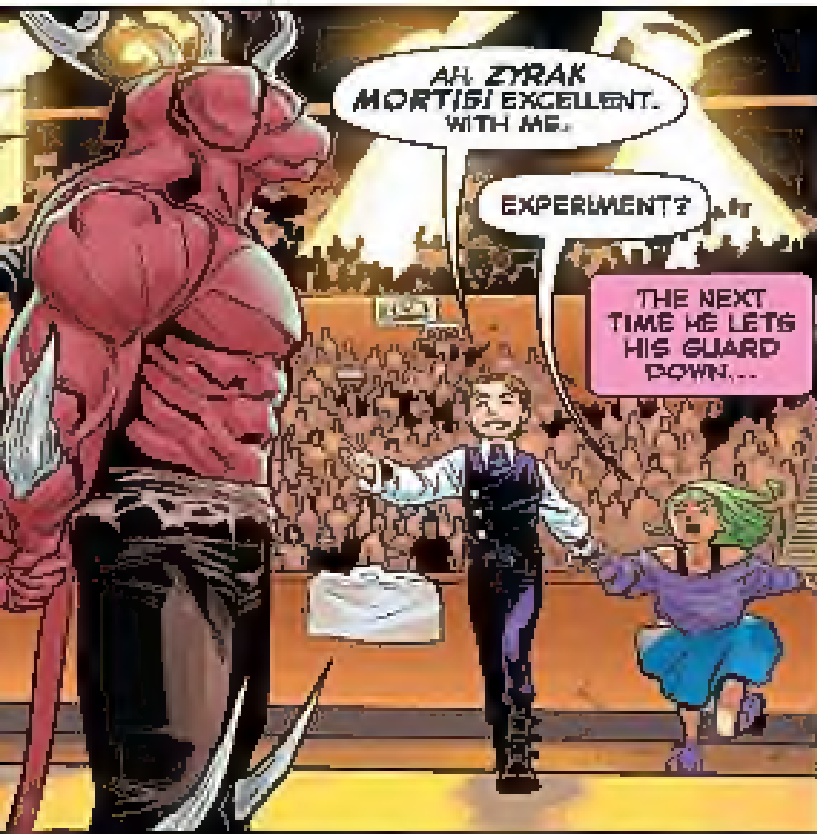
HIS SORCERY SKILLS ARE CHAOTIC AND OFF THE CHARTS.

...I FIGURED WE'D PARTICIPATE IN A LITTLE EXPERIMENT...

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD BEAT HIM ON MY OWN. HEAD-TO-HEAD.

I WON'T MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN.





AH, ZYRAK  
MORTIS! EXCELLENT.  
WITH ME.

EXPERIMENT?

THE NEXT  
TIME HE LETS  
HIS GUARD  
DOWN...



YES,  
LET'S CALL  
IT...

...I'LL MAKE  
SURE THERE'S  
NOTHING LEFT  
TO REVIVE!



...SURVIVAL OF  
THE FITTEST!

UH...

...LET ME  
MAKE SURE  
BACKUP IS  
ON THE  
WAY!



I MESSED UP.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE JUST BRUSHED OFF DR. DOOM!

BUT THAT'S NOT MY BIGGEST MISTAKE.

HOW ARE WE EVEN SUPPOSED TO FIND PIA IN ALL THIS MESS?



UH, GUYS? SHE'S AT THE ARENA, AND SHE NEEDS OUR HELP!

I WAS SO CAUGHT UP IN MY OWN PROBLEMS, I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS HURTING MY FRIEND WHEN SHE NEEDED ME MOST.



GERMAN! WAIT!

THIS WAY!

AND SHE STILL SAVED ME.

I LET FEAR GET THE BEST OF ME.



BUT I'LL NEVER LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!

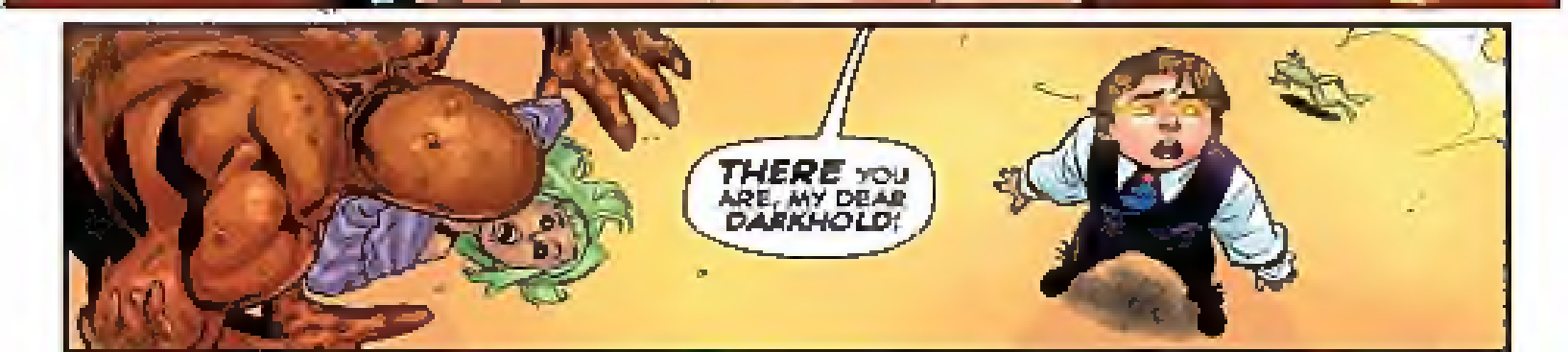
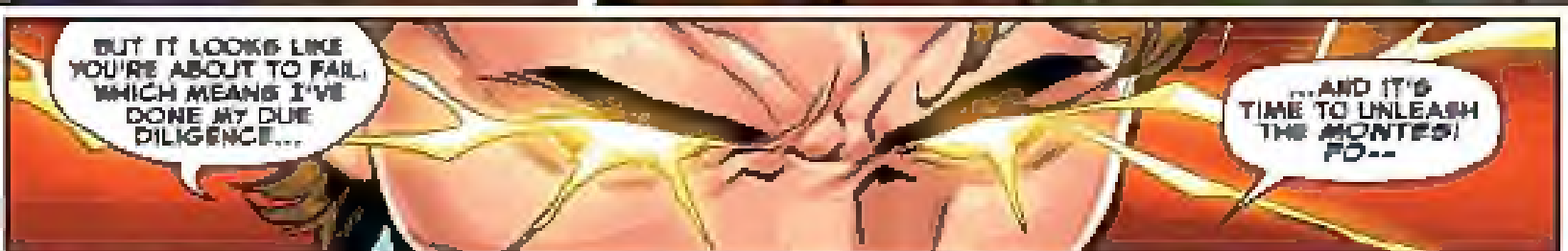
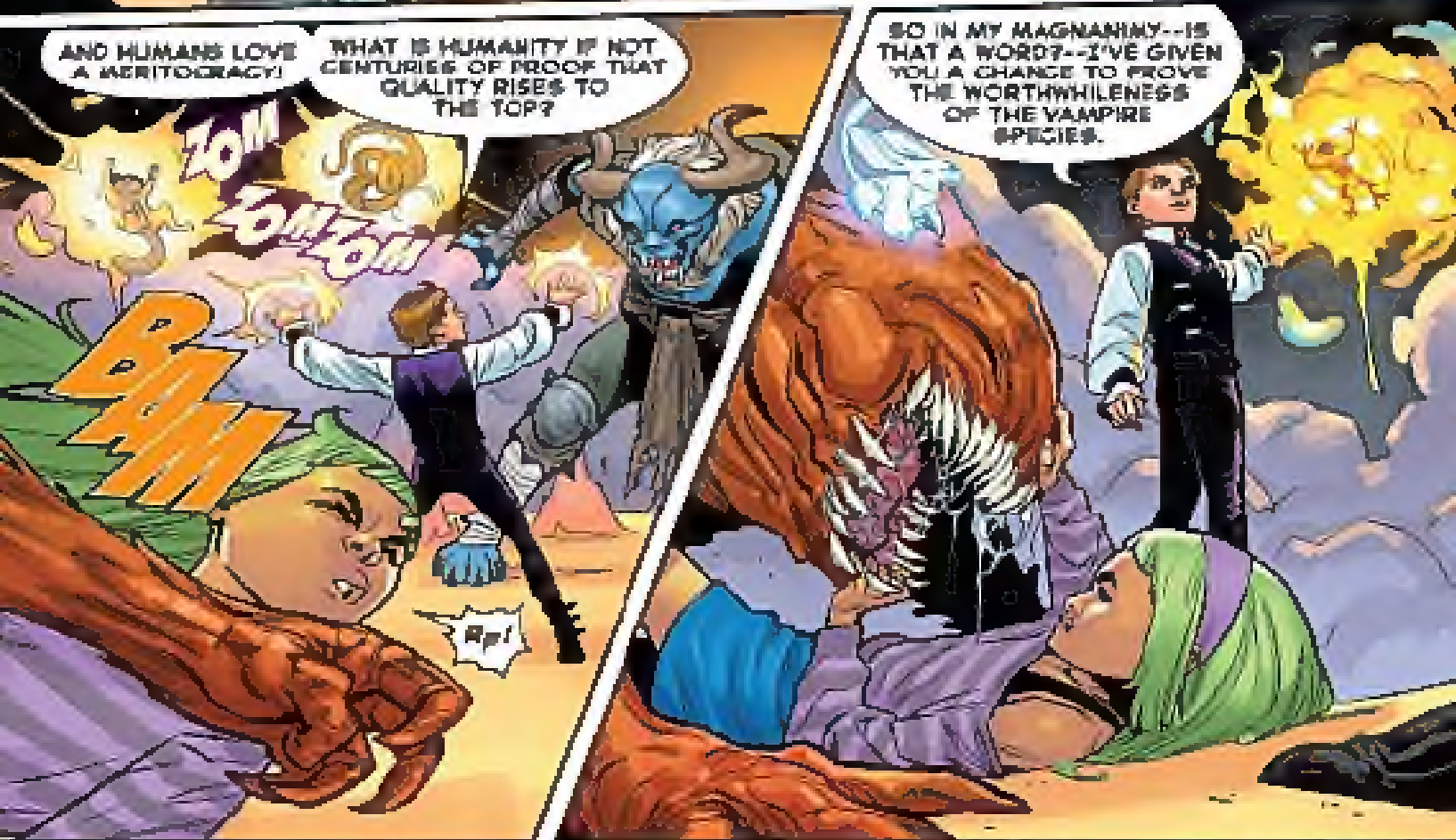
WE CAN STILL MAKE IT IN TIME TO...



...HELP?

OKAY, IT  
HAPPENED  
AGAIN.









I'VE  
BEEN WORRIED  
SICK!

AGATHA?





WHAT  
THE HELL WAS  
THAT?!

BRO-  
YOU CAN'T  
JUST RUN  
OFF LIKE  
THAT!

I JUST  
WANT TO HELP  
PIA!



HOW ARE  
YOU GONNA HELP  
HER IF YOU'RE  
DEAD?!

I GET IT  
MAN, BUT TAKE IT  
FROM SOMEONE WHO  
HAS MADE ENOUGH BAD  
DECISIONS TO FILL  
SEVERAL SEASONS OF  
YOUR FAVORITE  
TELENOVELA

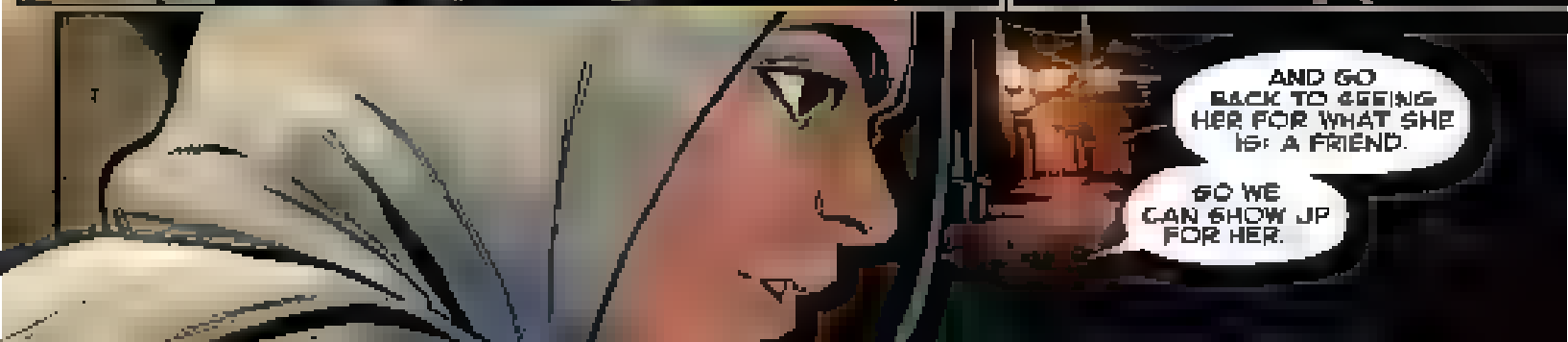


SOMETIMES WE TELL OURSELVES WE'RE  
HELPING, BUT WE'RE ACTUALLY JUST  
PUNISHING OURSELVES

WHICH  
DOESN'T  
ACTUALLY HELP  
ANYONE!

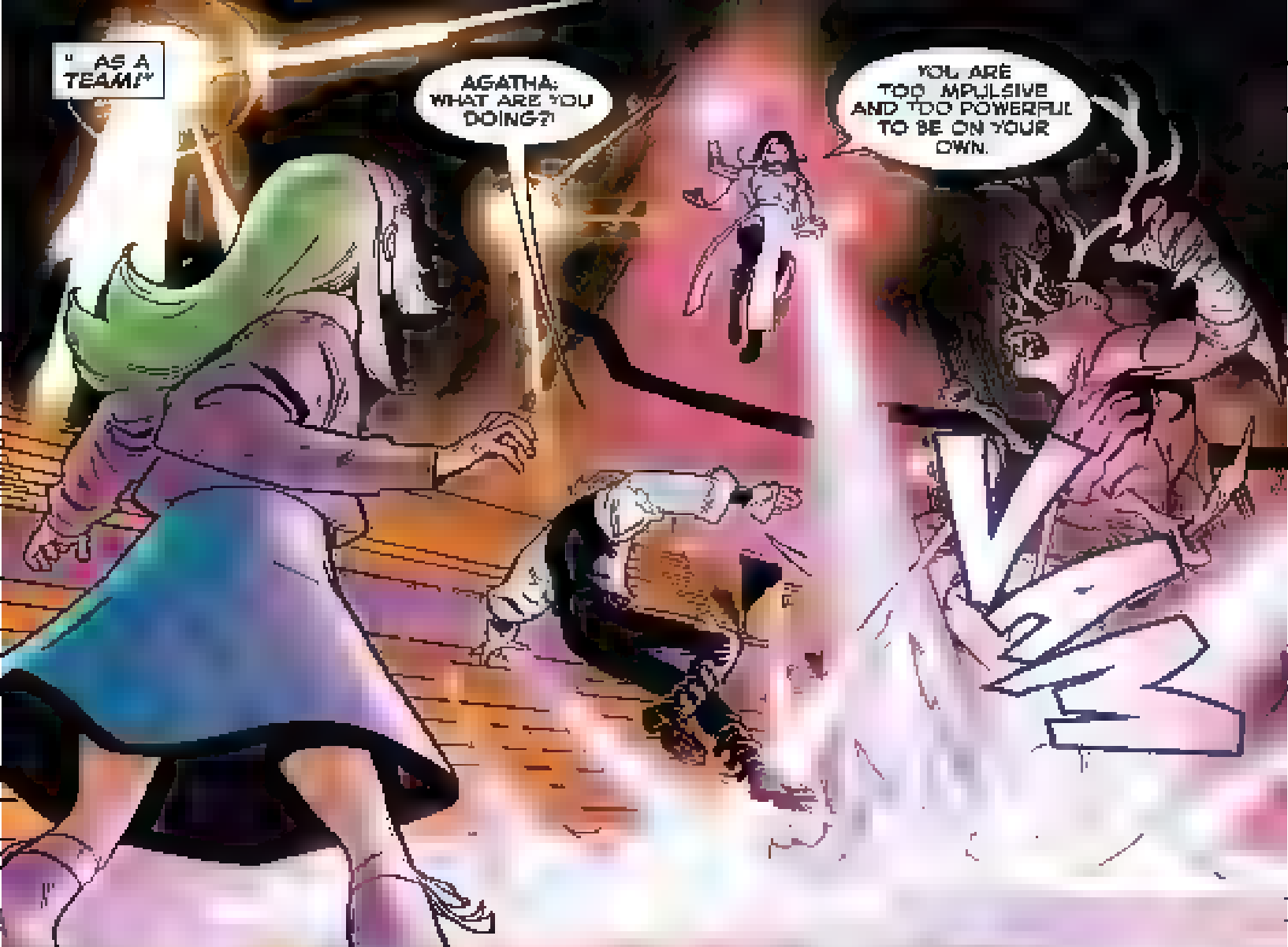
YOU'RE  
RIGHT

I GOTTA  
STOP SEEING PIA  
AS SOMEONE WHO HAS  
TO BE SAVED FROM  
MY MISTAKES



AND GO  
BACK TO SEEING  
HER FOR WHAT SHE  
IS: A FRIEND.

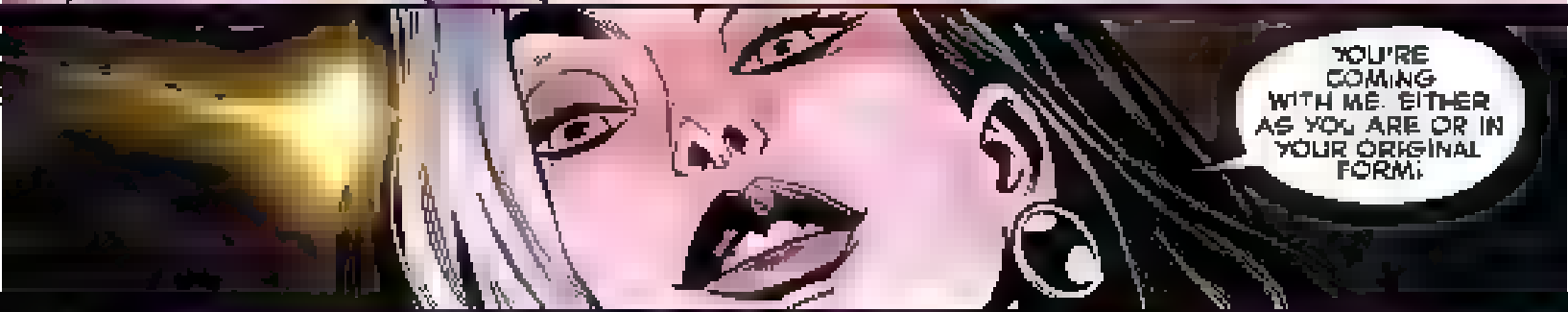
SO WE  
CAN SHOW UP  
FOR HER.



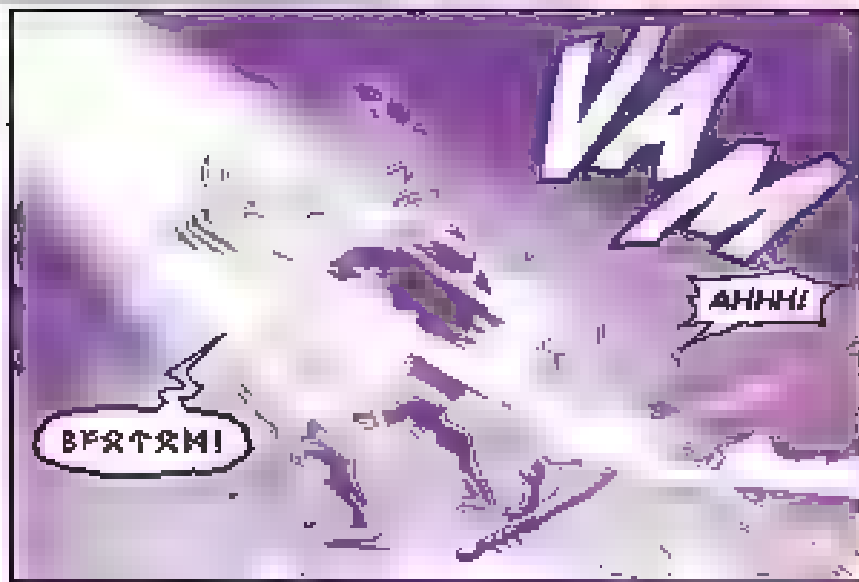
"AS A  
TEAM!"

AGATHA:  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING?

YOU ARE  
TOO IMPULSIVE  
AND TOO POWERFUL  
TO BE ON YOUR  
OWN.



YOU'RE  
COMING  
WITH ME. EITHER  
AS YOU ARE OR IN  
YOUR ORIGINAL  
FORM.



BE A TEAM!

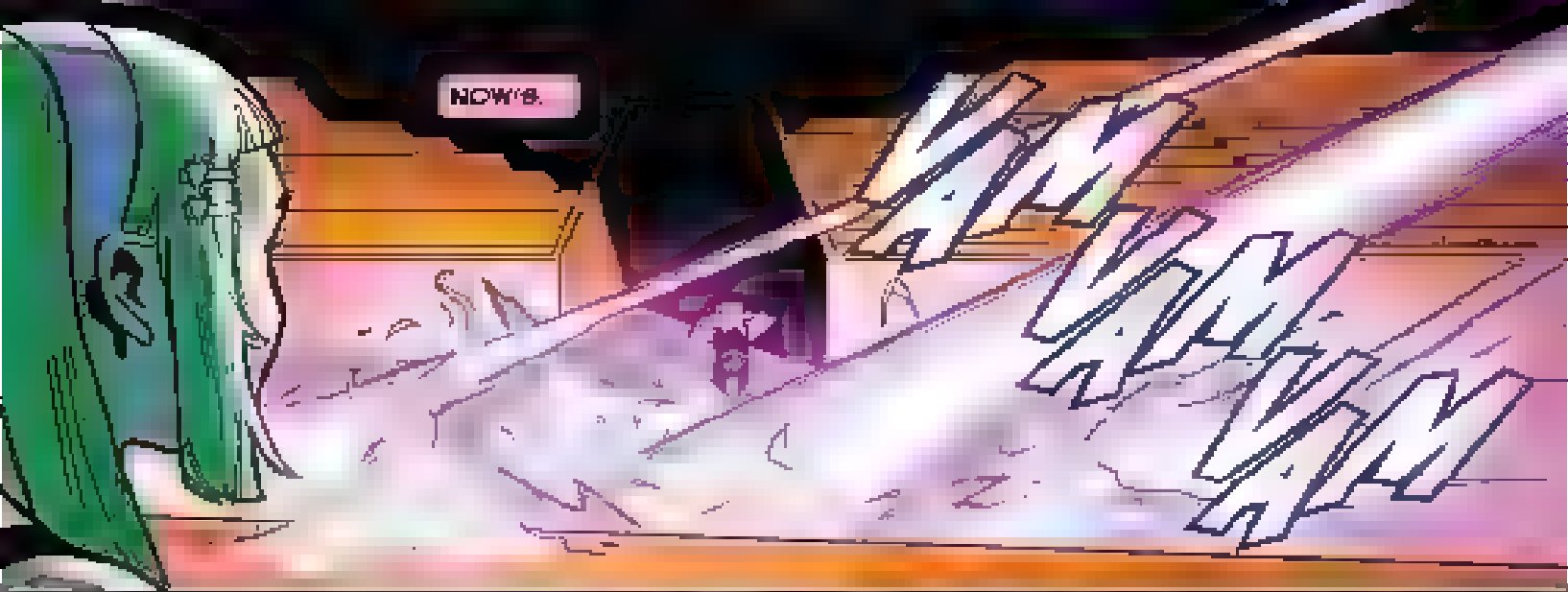
AHHH!



ONE  
GLUCEDER?

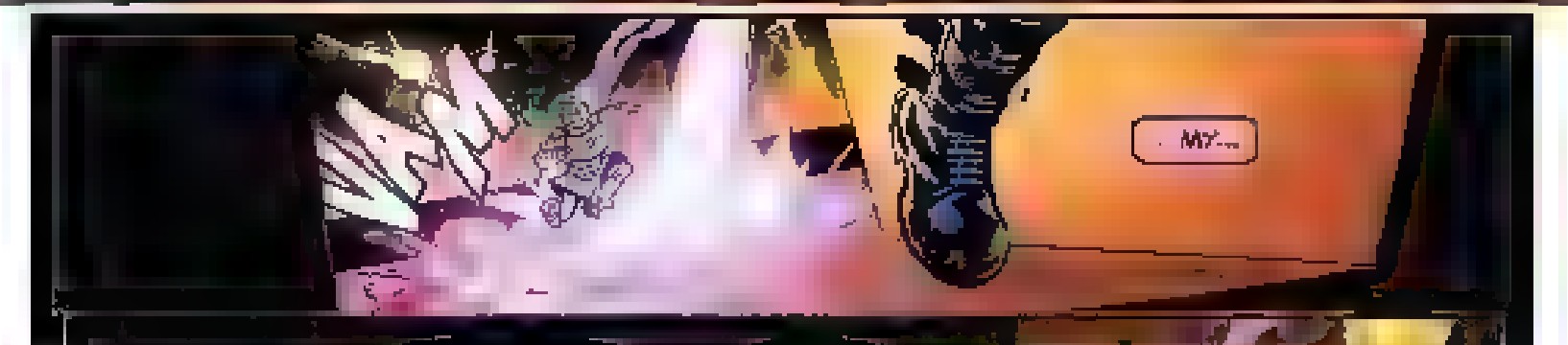
MY  
POWERS.  
THEY'RE...  
I CAN'T





NOW'S.

KAN  
KAN  
KAN



MY...

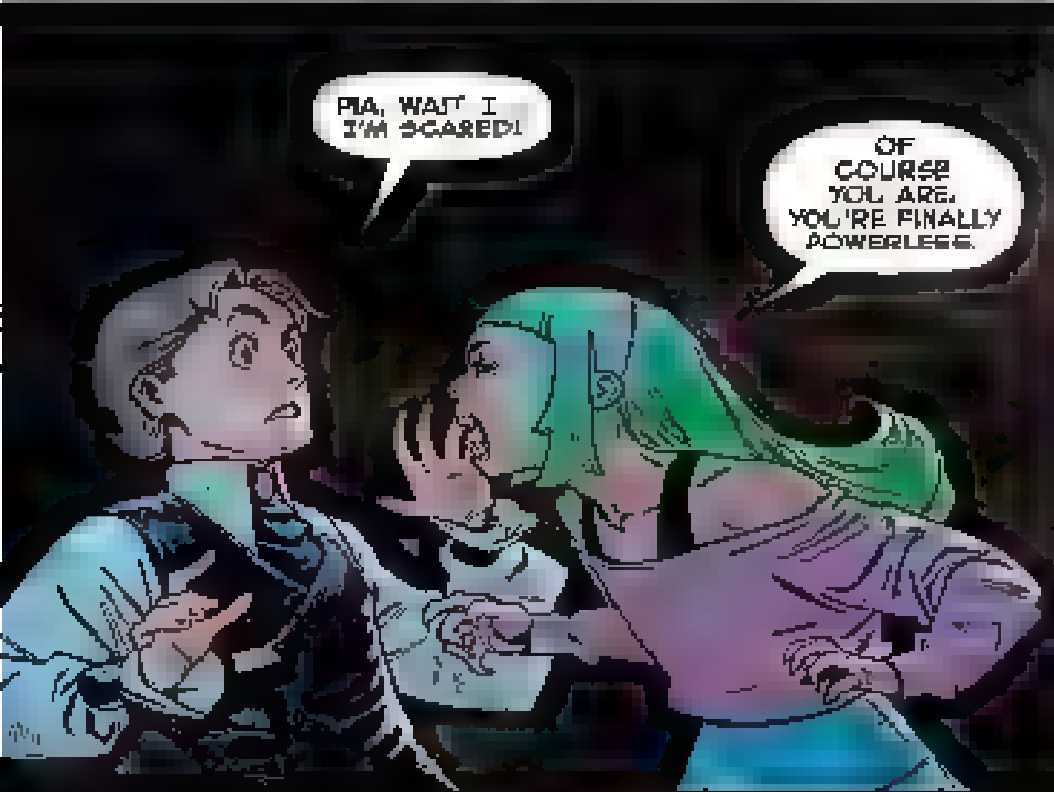


I MADE IT!  
I'M STILL A BOY!  
I CAN. I CAN  
DO THIS!

CHANCE!

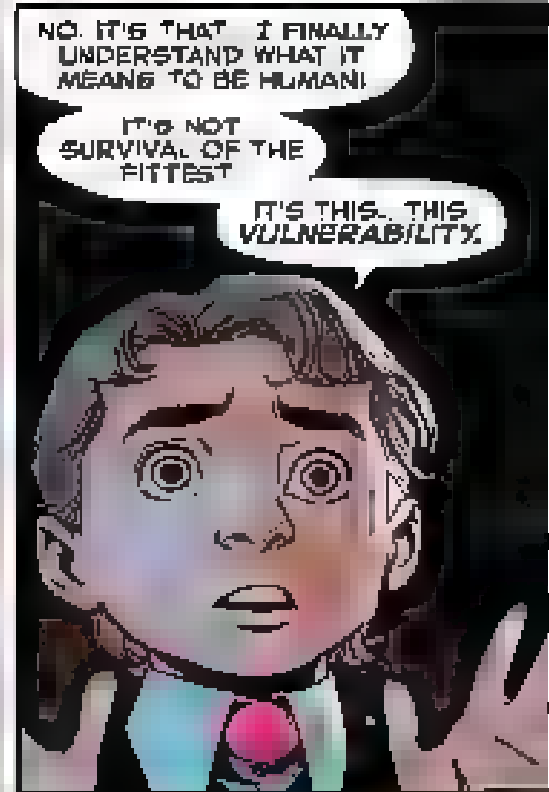


HUM?



PIA, WAIT I  
I'M SCARED!

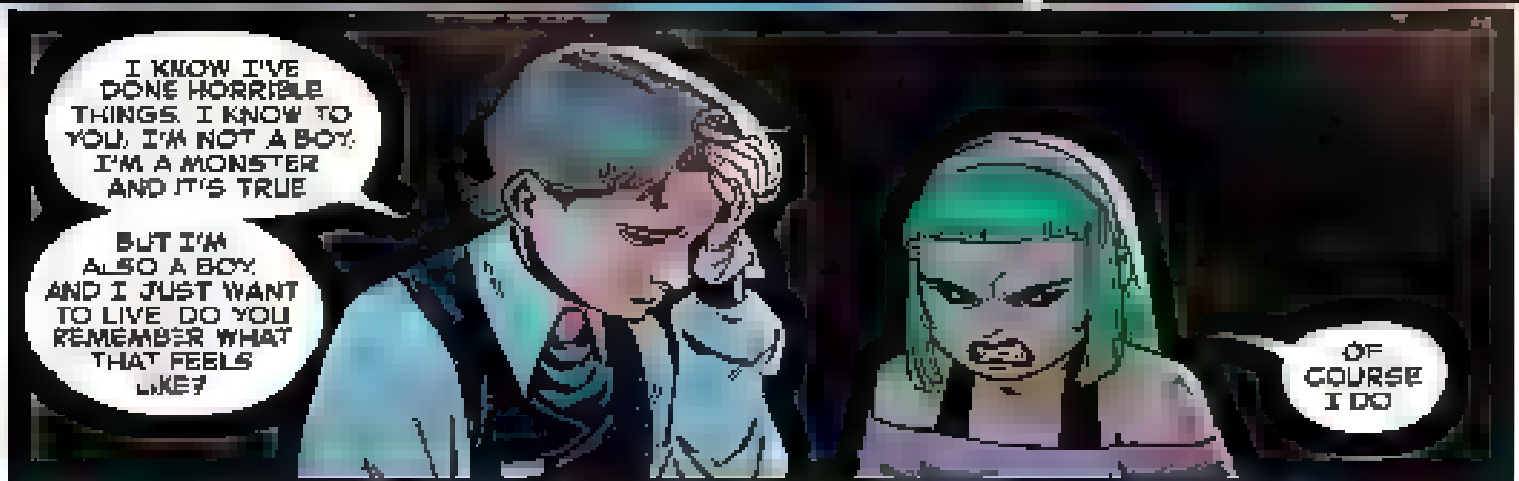
OF  
COURSE  
YOU ARE.  
YOU'RE FINALLY  
POWERLESS.



NO. IT'S THAT I FINALLY  
UNDERSTAND WHAT IT  
MEANS TO BE HUMAN!

IT'S NOT  
SURVIVAL OF THE  
FITTEST

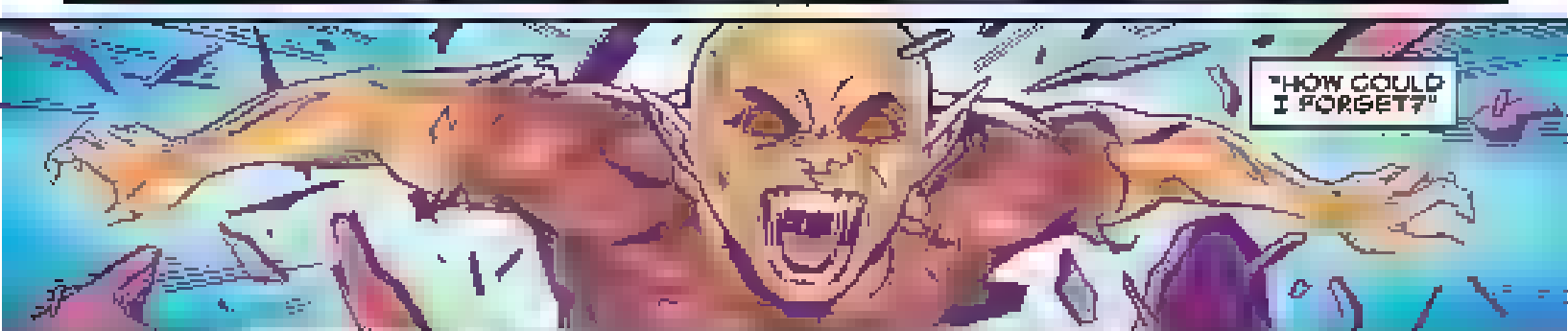
IT'S THIS. THIS  
VULNERABILITY.



I KNOW I'VE  
DONE HORRIBLE  
THINGS. I KNOW TO  
YOU, I'M NOT A BOY.  
I'M A MONSTER  
AND IT'S TRUE

BUT I'M  
ALSO A BOY.  
AND I JUST WANT  
TO LIVE. DO YOU  
REMEMBER WHAT  
THAT FEELS  
LIKE?

OF  
COURSE  
I DO



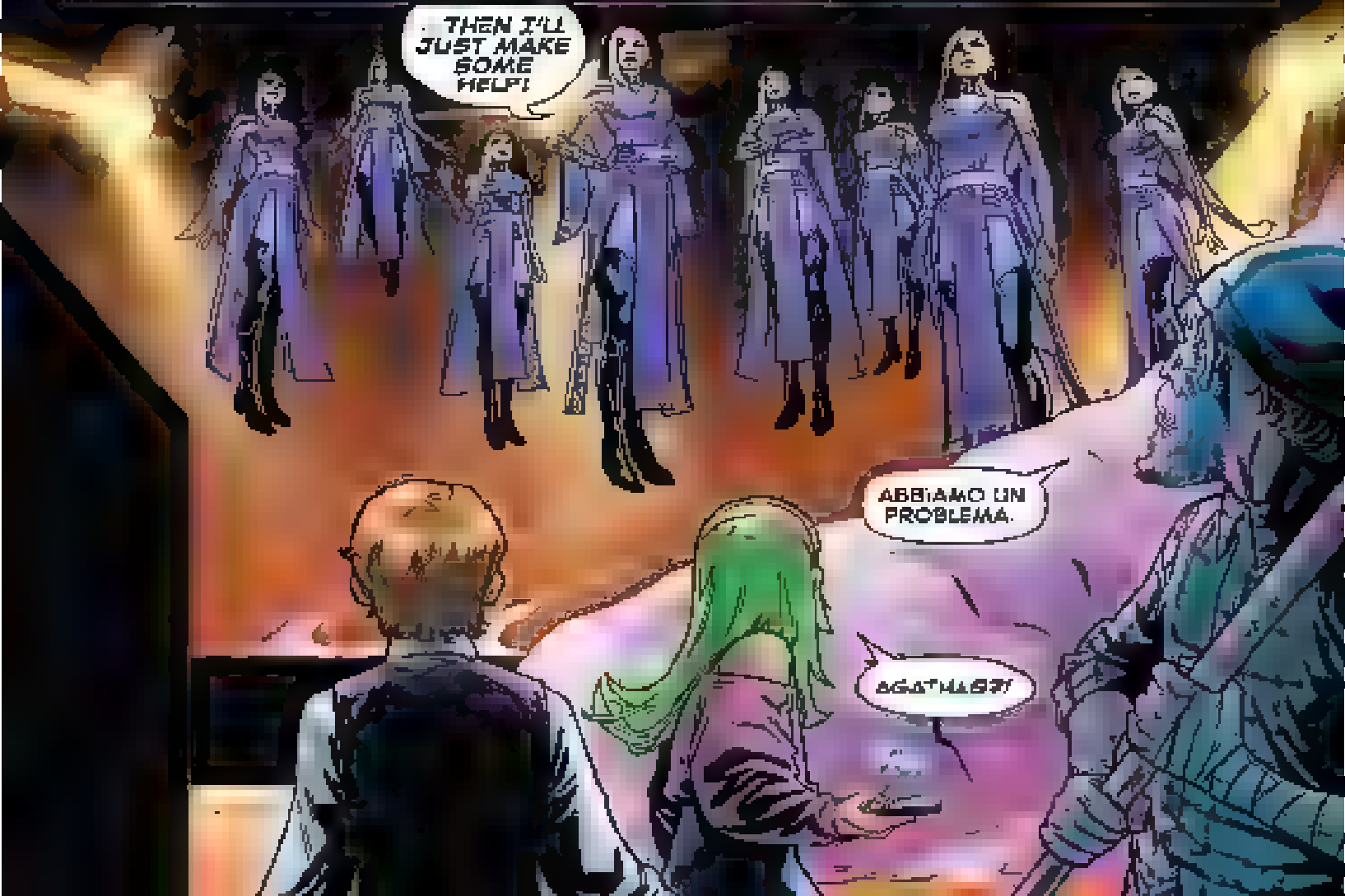
"HOW COULD  
I FORGET?"



IT WASN'T  
SO LONG  
AGO

I I'M  
SORRY. I'M  
SORRY I WAS  
SO CRUEL  
TO YOU.

THIS MIGHT  
BE A HUGE  
MISTAKE





COME ON,  
GUYS! WE'RE  
ALMOST AT  
THE ARENA!

ONCE WE  
GET PIA, WE CAN  
USE THE MAGICAL  
TOKEN DOOM  
GAVE ME TO...  
HUU?



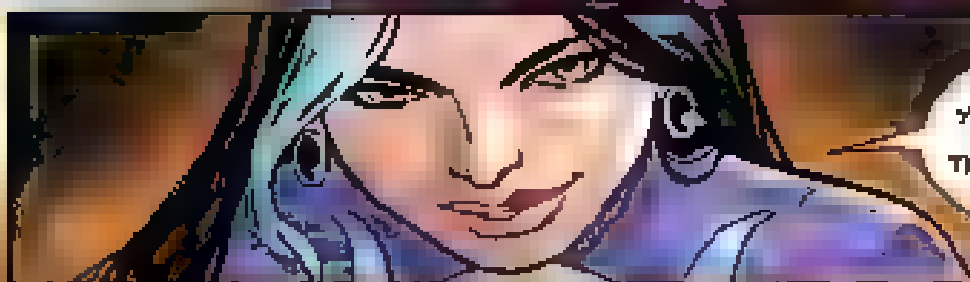
HOO  
BOY

WHAT  
IS THIS

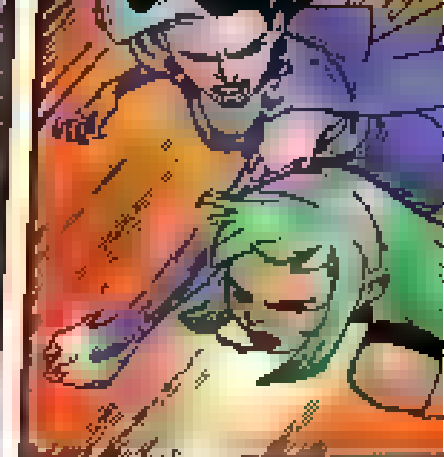


WE NEED  
TO GET OVER  
THERE





YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE DOING YOUNG LADY I WILL SECURE THE DARKHOLD IF I HAVE TO GO THROUGH YOU TO DO IT.

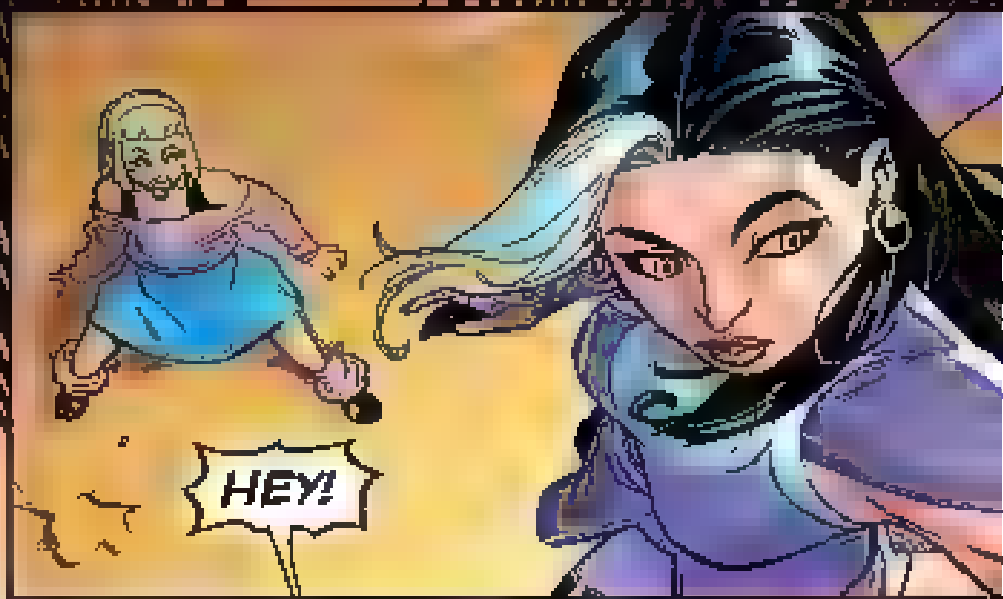


WE HAVE TO FIND THE REAL AGATHA!

GREAT! NOW??!

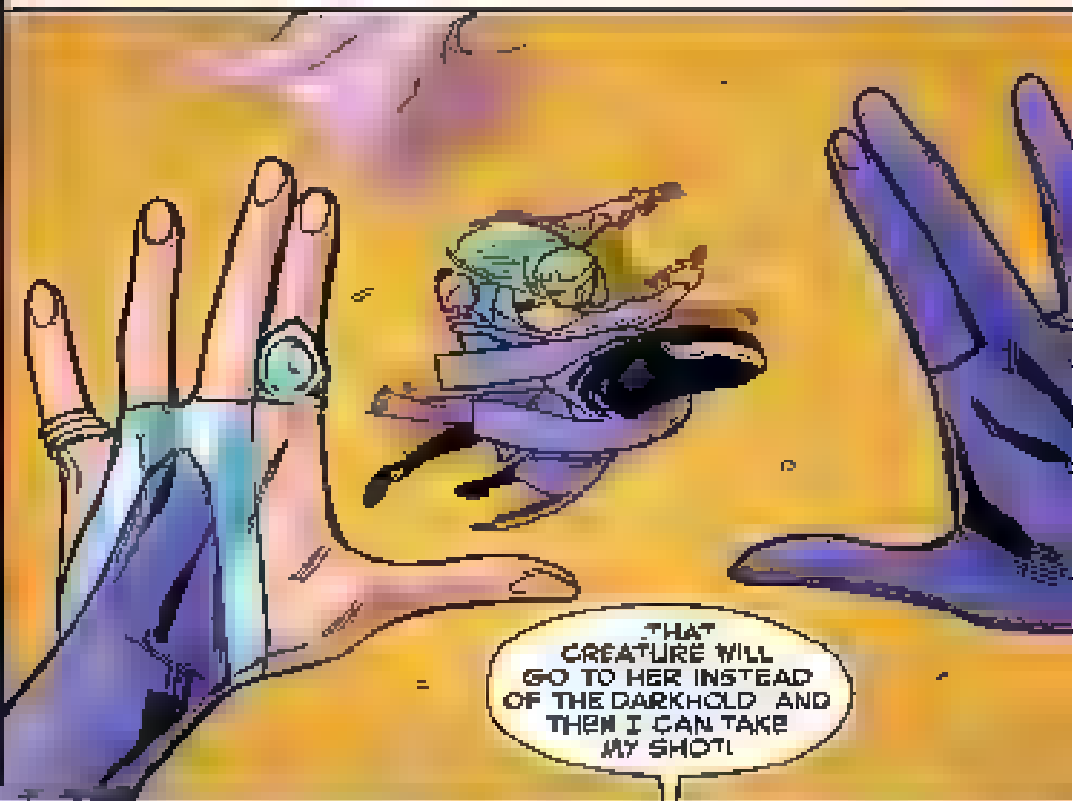


SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN USE MAGIC! THE REST ARE JUST CRUDE COPIES!





REGRETTABLE  
AS IT IS, P.I.  
HIT THE LITTLE  
VAMPIRE...



THAT  
CREATURE WILL  
GO TO HER INSTEAD  
OF THE DARKHOLD AND  
THEN I CAN TAKE  
MY SHOT!



CRASH



WHAT  
DID YOU  
DO?!

HIT YOU  
WITH THE SAME  
SPELL YOU WERE  
AIMING  
AT P.I.A.

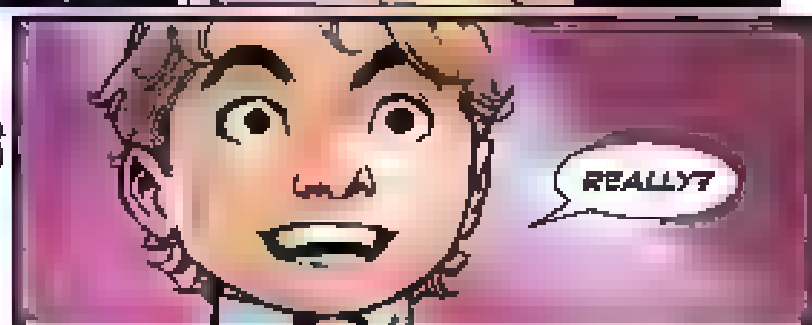
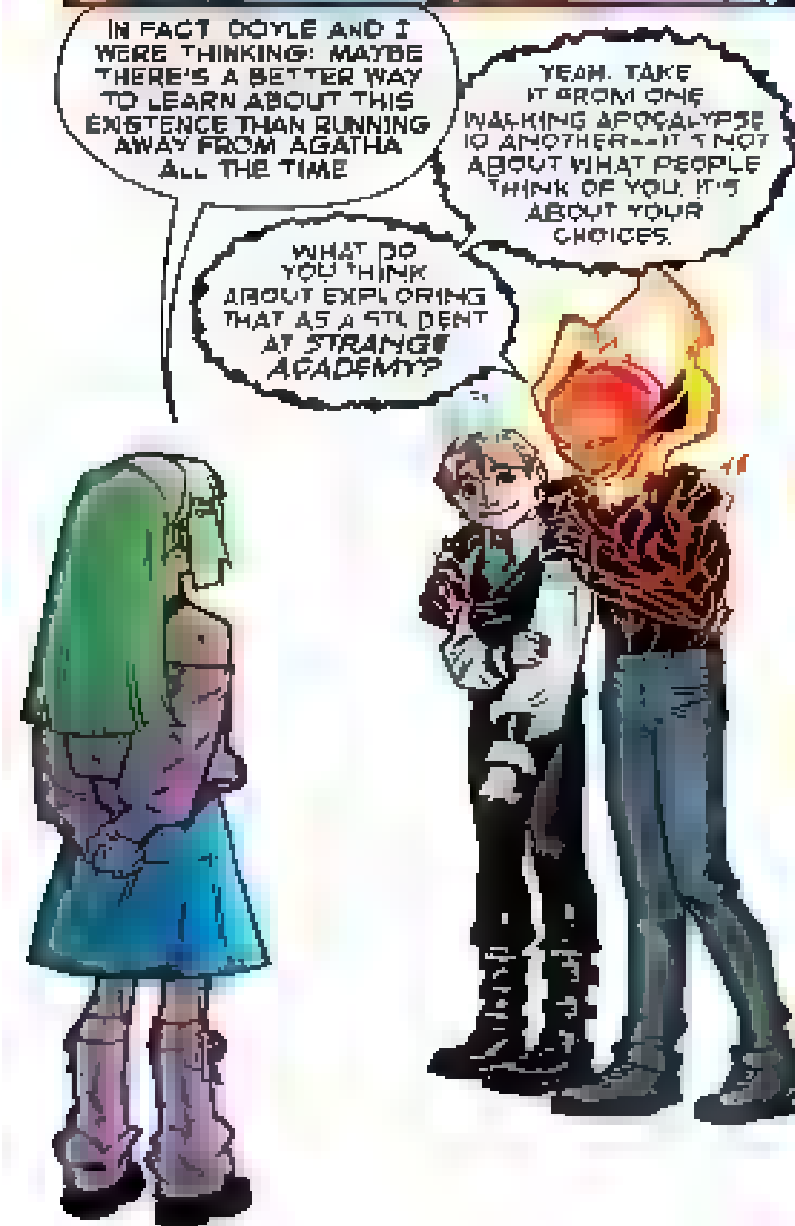
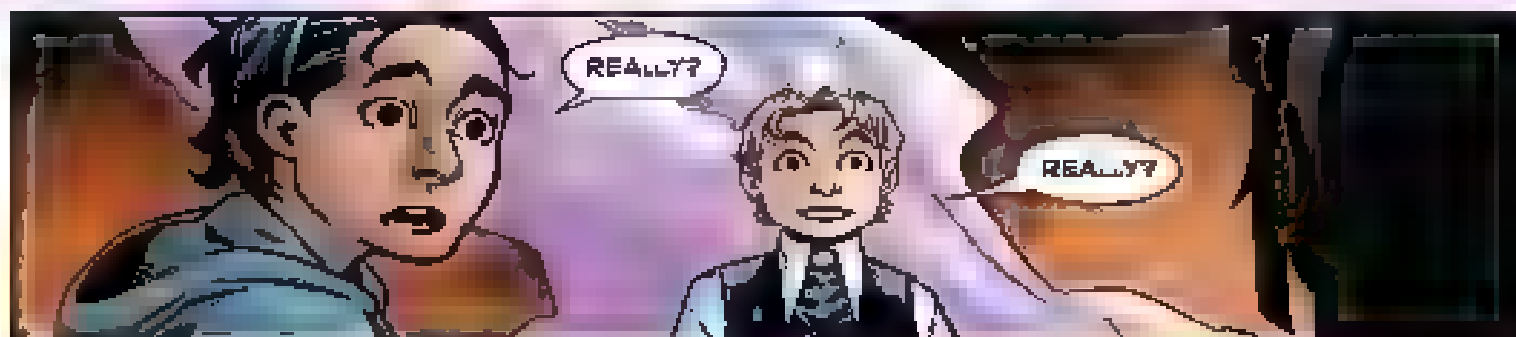
THAT'S WHAT  
YOU GET FOR  
MESSING WITH  
MY FRIENDS



NOW  
REJOICE IN MY  
MAGNANIMITY.

AND BE  
GONE!





**LATER,**  
IN CASTLE  
VON DOOM,  
LATVERIA.

DID  
DR. STRANGE  
APOLOGIZE YET  
FOR TRYING TO WIPE  
OUT YOUR ENTIRE  
SPECIES?

IN HIS  
OWN DR. STRANGE  
WAY, YEAH. NOT SURE  
HOW I FEEL ABOUT  
IT YET.



I'M SURE HOW  
I FEEL ABOUT IT,  
AND HE'S ABOUT  
TO FIND OUT!

HEY! THIS ONE'S  
FOR ME TO FIGURE  
OUT, BUDZO. I'M THE  
ONE WHO ALMOST DIED.



YEAH, YOU'RE  
RIGHT, YOU'RE  
RIGHT! ALTHOUGH  
I DID ALMOST  
DIE TOO!

JUST  
DIFFERENTLY.

NOTHING  
WILL EVER  
BE THE  
SAME  
AGAIN.

HUMAN,  
FALTIME, FAIRY,  
WEIRDWORLDER--  
--I WILL  
WEAVE THE MANY  
COLORS OF OUR MAGIC  
TOGETHER IN AN ACT  
OF MAGIC NEVER  
BEFORE SEEN.

AND MAYBE  
THAT'S A  
GOOD THING.

I WILL  
LEAD OUR  
RITUAL.

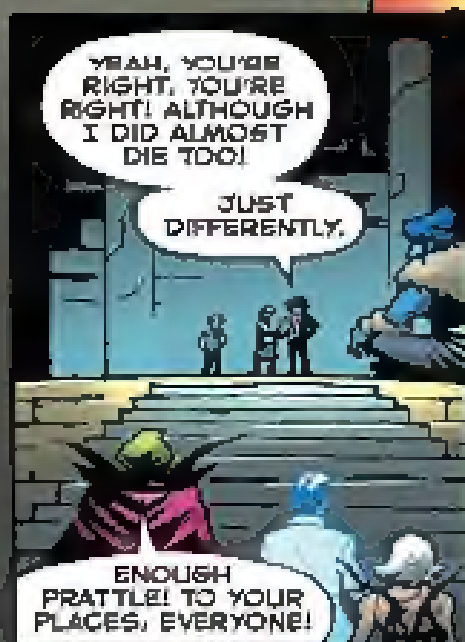
I WILL  
FOCUS OUR  
EFFORTS.

I WILL  
SAVE THE  
WORLD.

ALL I  
REQUEST OF  
YOU...

WHAT  
MATTERS  
MOST IS THAT  
WE'LL FACE  
WHATEVER'S  
NEXT...

ENOUGH  
PRATTLE! TO YOUR  
PLACES, EVERYONE!





...IS  
EVERYTHING.

...TOGETHER.

**THE END?**

# BLOOD HUNT

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Thank you so much for joining us for these issues of STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT! We love these Strange Academy kids, and any chance we have to tell more of their stories we JUMP at!

Big thanks to DANIEL JOSÉ OLDER, LUIGI ZAGARIA, ERIC GAPSTUR, EDGAR DELGADO, and CLAYTON COWLES!!! They did such a great job with this series--we were super lucky to have them. But we'd be nothing without you wonderful readers picking up these books and enjoying them! We got a letter from one of you that delighted us so we wanted to share it:

Hello, STRANGE ACADEMY team,

I'll be honest in saying that STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #1 is my first time reading a Strange Academy comic, but it will definitely not be my last. Since I am reading the Blood Hunt storyline, this issue was part of it, and I am very glad that it introduced me to this group! As a soon-to-be teacher, I always love stories that center around school in some way. I don't know why it took me so long AND a tie-in storyline to get me to try this book out, but I will definitely be going back and getting caught up on this group! As for the issue itself, I enjoyed it quite a bit. Having the Darkhold manifested into a human child was pretty interesting, and I did not see it coming at all. Really excited to see where this storyline goes and how it further ties in with Blood Hunt. See y'all next month!

Cason Jones  
Sulphur Springs, Texas

Thanks for writing in, Cason! Every comic is someone's first, and this is a great reminder of that fact. I hope you have gone back and gotten the rest of STRANGE ACADEMY! I wish we could claim the Darkhold manifestation, but that happened in the awesome CONTEST OF CHAOS event last year. We just picked up the baton and took it for the next lap of the story race.

This may be the last issue of this miniseries, but we aren't done with STRANGE ACADEMY. We are already hard at work on the next story with these kids, but we can't spoil what it is for you yet. If we did, Marvel security would come after us and we'd be doomed. So in the meantime, keep your ear to the ground for news about Doyle, Shaylee, Zoe, Pia, Germán, Toth, Gus, and the rest!

Keep Casting!  
Nick Lowe  
NY, NY